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TITLE OF INVENTION: LIGHTING ELEMENT FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

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Application No.

09/856,657

Examiner

Tarifur R Chowdhury

Applicant(s)

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 03/27/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-22 and 24-71.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

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## Attachment(s)

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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/856,657	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SUMIDA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Tarifur R Chowdhury	<b>Art Unit</b> 2871	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Tarifur R Chowdhury. (3)\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Mr. Joseph S. Presta. (4)\_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 12 May 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 23, 63 and 66.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner notified applicant's representative that claim 23 included in amendment filed on 03/27/03 was originally canceled and thus since the claim was already canceled it will be crossed out. Further, applicant's representative agreed to amend claims 63 and 66 by examiner's amendment to place the application in better form for allowance and thus expedite prosecution.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph S. Presta on 05/12/03.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 63, line 1, "4" has been changed to -61--.

In claim 66, line 1, "67" has been changed to -65--.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1, 3-22 and 24-71 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. As to claims 1 and 61, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically a planar light guiding body in which a cyclic structure for converting light from the linear light guiding body into a planarly emitting state and emitting the converted light is formed, wherein light from the linear light guiding body reaches a peak value of luminance when outgoing in a first direction, the first direction being a direction on a date of a direction perpendicular to a cyclic direction of the cyclic structure with respect to a normal direction of a light outgoing surface of the linear light guiding body, and wherein a tilt is given to the cyclic direction of the cyclic structure with respect to a repeating direction of the pixels.
5. As to claim 21, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system having a light source unit comprising a planar light guiding body and a sheet converting means that converts light emitted from the light source unit into light in a linearly emitting state, the sheet-state converting means being arranged so that at least a part thereof opposes the light source unit while at least a part thereof opposes the light incident surface of the planar light guiding body, including all other recitations.
6. As to claim 28, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system having a planar light guiding body and a light source



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unit wherein the light source unit composed of an LED array wherein the LED array includes a first LED array provided on one of the light incident surfaces of the planar light guiding body and a second LED array provided on the other light incident surface of the planar light guiding body and the first and second LED arrays alternately emit light.

7. As to claim 31, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a liquid crystal display comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically a light source unit, a planar light guiding body, and reflecting liquid crystal display element wherein on a counter surface of the planar light guiding body opposing the light outgoing surface thereof, a cyclic structure composed of a propagating portion and a reflecting portion is repetitively formed and the cyclic structure is provided on the planar light guiding body so that a cyclic direction thereof has an angle  $\theta$  of not less than 10 degrees and not more than 80 degrees with respect to the repeating direction of the pixels.

8. As to claim 34, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting element comprising a prismatic linear light guiding body wherein notches that reflect the incident light are arrayed on a surface of the linear light guiding body opposing the light outgoing surface at constant pitches in the length direction, the number of the notches being  $I$  ( $I$  is an integer of not less than 2); and as to the  $I$  notches, an average of differences between widths of adjacent notches is greater than 0, the difference being defined as:

$$\text{DIFFERENCE} = (pw_{i+1} - pw_i)$$

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Wherein  $pw_i$  is a width of the  $i$ 'th notch from the light incident surface ( $i$  is an integer ranging from 1 to  $I$ ), including all other recitations.

As to claim 35, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting element comprising a prismatic linear light guiding body wherein notches that reflect the incident light are arrayed on a surface of the linear light guiding body opposing the light outgoing surface at constant pitches in the length direction, the number of the notches being  $I$  ( $I$  is an integer of not less than 2); and an average of tilts of the  $I$  notches is greater than 0, the tilt being defined as:

$$\text{TILT} = (d_{i+1} - d_i) / (x_{i+1} - x_i)$$

Wherein  $x_i$  and  $d_i$  are a distance from the light incident surface, and a depth, respectively, of the  $i$ 'th notch from the light incident surface ( $i$  is an integer ranging from 1 to  $I$ ), including all other recitations.

As to claim 41, the prior arts of record do anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting element comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically a plurality of notches having V-shape groove formed with two flat surfaces, wherein the flat surfaces of the notches are provided at not less than two different angles with respect to the light outgoing surface.

As to claim 64, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically a linear light guiding body is formed so that a thickness  $t_2$  of the light outgoing surface of the linear light guiding body is substantially equal to a thickness  $t_1$  of a light incident surface of the planar light guiding body, and an angle  $\theta_5$  formed

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between the normal direction of the light outgoing surface with a side end surface of the linear light guiding body satisfies:

$$0^\circ < \theta \leq 20^\circ$$

As to claim 65, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically a planar light guiding body in which a cyclic structure for converting light from the linear light guiding body into a planarly emitting state and emitting the converted light is formed, wherein light from the linear light guiding body reaches a peak value of luminance when outgoing in a first direction, the first direction being a direction being a direction on a date of a direction perpendicular to a cyclic direction of the cyclic structure with respect to a normal direction of a light outgoing surface of the linear light guiding body, wherein the linear light guiding body is tapered so that a cross section of the linear light guiding body taken along a plane perpendicular to the light outgoing surface thereof should be in a shape of trapezoid that widens from a light outgoing surface side toward a side opposing the light outgoing surface.

As to claim 67, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system comprising a linear light guiding body and a planar light guiding body wherein light from the linear light guiding body reaches a peak value of luminance when outgoing in a first direction, the first direction being a direction being a direction on a date of a direction perpendicular to a cyclic direction of the cyclic structure with respect to a normal direction of a light outgoing surface of the linear light guiding body, wherein the following relationship is satisfied:

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$$0 \text{ mm} < (L2 - L1) \leq 10 \text{ mm}$$

where L1 representing a length of the light incident surface of the planar light guiding body, and L2 representing a length of the light outgoing surface of the linear light guiding body.

As to claims 69 and 70, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system comprising a linear light guiding body and a planar light guiding body wherein light from the linear light guiding body reaches a peak value of luminance when outgoing in a first direction, the first direction being a direction being a direction on a date of a direction perpendicular to a cyclic direction of the cyclic structure with respect to a normal direction of a light outgoing surface of the linear light guiding body, wherein light outgoing from the linear light guiding body reaches substantially a peak value of luminance when outgoing in a direction at an angle  $\theta 1$  that satisfies :

$$\theta 1 = \sin^{-1} (n * \sin \theta) \text{ or } \theta 1 = -\sin^{-1} (n * \sin \theta)$$

where  $\theta$  represents an angle formed between the cyclic direction of the cyclic structure provided on the planar light guiding body and the repeating direction of the pixels and n represents a refractive index of the planar light guiding body.

As to claim 71, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a lighting system comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically a linear light guiding body and a planar light guiding body wherein light from the linear light guiding body reaches a peak value of luminance when outgoing in a first direction, the first direction being a direction being a direction on a date of a direction

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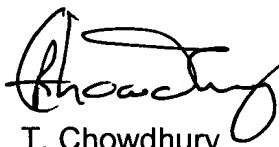
perpendicular to a cyclic direction of the cyclic structure with respect to a normal direction of a light outgoing surface of the linear light guiding body and a reflecting liquid crystal display element displaying an image by controlling, at each pixel, light outgoing from the light outgoing surface of the planar light guiding body.

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